

**Bureau of Land Management
USDA Forest Service
Public Notice – May 7, 2004**

On Friday, May 7, 2004, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office and the USDA Forest Service, Cleveland National Forest, Palomar Ranger District will impose a joint closure of public lands along and around High Point east of Temecula, California to recreational shooting. BLM closure will be imposed under emergency closure order 43 CFR 8364.1. USDA Forest Service closure will be imposed, Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50(a). The closures are being implemented to protect public from unsafe target shooting practices. The increased recreational shooting activity in the area has imposed an immediate threat to nearby residents and other public land users. Bullets discharged in this area are striking private homes around and along Highway 79. Bullets have traveled up to two miles or more in distance. The closure area is located in the Aguanga Valley, south of Highway 79: BLM (Township 9 South, Range 1 East, Section 2,11,12 SBBM) Aguanga Valley/High Point Road; U.S. Forest Service will close a three mile section (½ mile on both sides of the road) of the High Point Road (8S05) and Oak Grove Road (9S09) up to the junction of Palomar Divide Road (9S07) (Township 9 South, Range 1 East within portions of sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 24, 25 SBBM). A map of the closure is available on the Cleveland National Forest web site at www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland and on the BLM site at www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/. Closure maps will be available at local U.S. Forest Service and BLM offices. For additional information on other locations to shoot, contact BLM – (760) 251-4800; USFS – (760) 788-0250.